GAS WATCH 190.

Just when you thought the Federal Government had grown an environmental backbone – it approves the Gloucester CSG project!

One day Federal Environment Minister Burke slams the O’Farrell Government for its slack approach to CSG.

The next day Burke aids and abets AGL in its environmental destruction of prime agricultural land around Gloucester – although today Burke described his approval as a “Clayton’s approval”, an approval you give when you are not really giving an approval??

Looks like he has done this simply to punish the O’Farrell Government for its slack environmental laws in relation to CSG.

The GM of Methane Mining for AGL, Mike Moraza, gave evidence before a Senate enquiry that AGL would not force entry onto any land: “There is a lot of country out there that can be explored and we would move on.” (Hansard)
– yet in complete opposition to that evidence AGL has now been successful in Court, forcing 110 gas wells on the people of Gloucester. But the likes of AGL never reveal the final scope of their whole CSG project. Who knows, we could end up with thousands of wells anywhere from Merriwa to Newcastle.

When AGL has finished raping this prime agricultural land in the Hunter Valley for fossil fuel, and the gas fields are mature and the environmental, health and social damage becomes apparent, the AGLs of the world will be long gone and enjoying their bonuses far away from their abandoned gasfields.

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This is the gas field at Wieambilla near Tara Queensland. A future Gloucester landscape?